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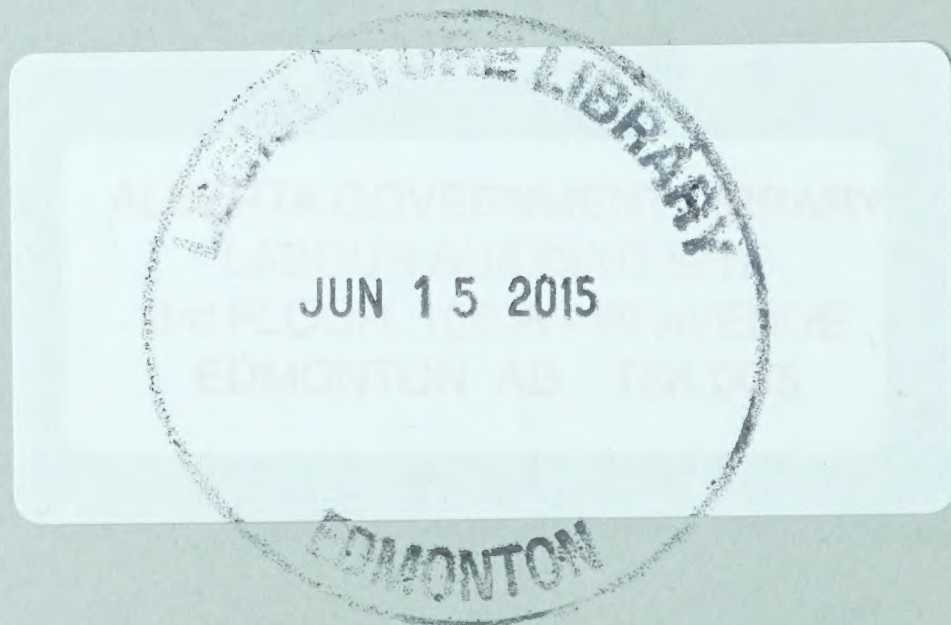
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
JUVENILE OFFENDERS AND PROBATION BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1964

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch

306, 10404 - 100th Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta.
May 20th, 1964.

Mr. John E. Hart, Q.C.,
Deputy Attorney General,
Province of Alberta,
Legislative Building,
EDMONTON, Alberta.

Sir:

We have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch for the year ending March 31st, 1964.

The first Federal Legislation relating to the correction and treatment of Juvenile Delinquents was founded with the passing of the Juvenile Delinquents Act, assented to by the Government of Canada, July 20th, 1908. This Legislation was not applicable to the Province of Alberta until a Proclamation was issued in 1914 (see Order in Council #3745, published in the Canada Gazette dated April 2nd, 1914). The aforementioned Proclamation is our authority for enforcing the present Juvenile Delinquents Act.

The responsibility for Juvenile Delinquency matters, on a Provincial level, was transferred from the Minister, Department of Public Welfare, to the Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General, on January 1st, 1952, at which time the Juvenile Offenders Branch, Department of the Attorney General was established.

Family Courts were established at Edmonton and Calgary on November 1st, 1952.

These Courts were later extended and are now also functioning in the cities of Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Red Deer.

Adult Probation began in August, 1841, in the Police Court at Boston, Massachusetts, when John Augustus, a cobbler, stood surety for a drunkard and took him under his protective wing. Actually, the idea of probation is much older than this and has its origin in the old common-law process of 'binding over' in New England during the seventeenth century.

Probation first became available in our Canadian Criminal Courts as a legal alternative to incarceration in 1921. Prior to this, the Criminal Courts were limited to suspended sentences which also had roots in the ancient procedure of 'binding over'. In 1942, by a further amendment to the Criminal Code, following an Appeal case, probation became available to the Appellate Courts as well as the Trial

Courts. The present pertinent Sections of the Criminal Code, pertaining to probation, are 637, 638 and 639.

Although the Criminal Code provided for the Suspending of Sentences, with or without supervision, it was not until April of 1954 that Probation Officers were appointed at Edmonton and Calgary under a Branch known as the Adult Probation Branch. The Juvenile Offenders Branch and the Adult Probation Branch amalgamated on April 1st, 1963, and is now known as the Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch. Probation services are now provided by sixteen regional offices, and are available to all Criminal Courts within the Province.

It will be noted from the statistical report on Adult Probation that there has been an increase in the number of persons placed on probation during the past year, from 1191 for the year ending March 31st, 1963, to 1507 for the year ending March 31st, 1964.

There has also been an increase in the number of probationers referred to this Branch from outside the Province from 46 the previous year to 62 the present year, whilst this Branch has referred 54 probationers to probation authorities outside the Province as compared with 51 in the previous year. There has also been an increase from 17 to 36 cases supervised for the National Parole Board during the year. It will also be observed that the number of Pre-Sentence Reports submitted where probation was not granted has increased to 480 from 467 the previous year.

On April 1st, 1963, this Branch was dealing with 2370 probationers. During the year an additional 1507 were placed under our supervision for a total of 3877. Of these, 153 were charged with a Breach of Recognizance as compared to 151 for the previous year. It will therefore be seen that approximately 96% either completed or continued their probationary period successfully.

This Branch supervises a limited number of parolees on the request of the National Parole Board. During the past year we assumed responsibility for 36 such cases as compared with 17 for the previous year. Referrals are only made to this Branch by the National Parole Board in cases where the parolee resides in areas not covered by the members of the National Parole Board or the John Howard Society. Although reports and documents required by the National Parole Board are rather extensive and time-consuming, we have found no great difficulty in providing this service.

The attached statistical report indicates that there has only been a slight increase in the number of juveniles that appeared before our Juvenile Courts, probably much less per capita than the average increase in population. During the past year, 1273 boys, a decrease of 47 under the previous year, appeared before our Courts on 2348 offences as compared with 2501 for the previous year. However, there were 422 girls that appeared on 592 offences as compared with 303 charged with 396 offences for the previous year. It will therefore be noted that there was a decrease in the number of boys involved in

Court appearances and quite a substantial increase in the number of girls. It will also be seen that our recidivists show a similar picture. The boys decreased from 440 to 378 whilst the girls increased from 51 to 93.

There were 67 boys committed to the care and custody of the Superintendent as compared with 85 for the previous year, whereas there was an alarming increase in the number of girls committed, 80, as compared with 34 for the previous year.

It has been noted during the past year that there has been a marked increase in the number of Child Welfare Wards, both Temporary and Permanent, who have been brought before our Juvenile Courts and subsequently committed on delinquency charges and this accounts for at least a portion of the increase in the commitment of girls.

We have continued to place our Treaty Indian girls of the Roman Catholic faith in Our Lady of Charity School (formerly the Good Shepherd Convent). Other girls under commitment have been placed in the Alberta Institution for Girls.

The majority of the boys under commitment were placed in the Juvenile Section of the Bowden Institution. Others who did not require Institutional care were placed in foster homes directly after committal.

The Alberta Institution for Girls provides an academic training in accordance with the curriculum set out by the Department of Education. Some of the girls are given vocational training in beauty culture, comptometer courses, sewing, home nursing and cooking. In some instances, they are placed outside the Institution and given business courses under C.V.T.

At the present time our facilities in the Institution are over-taxed. However, we understand that a planned building program will eliminate the over-crowding that has taken place during the past few months. There is a very fine recreational and cultural program carried on in this Institution and the girls' religious training is also taken care of.

The Bowden Institution provides training and re-education of the boys in a controlled setting. As boys attain adult status at sixteen years of age, it is not practical to provide vocational training. The program therefore concentrates on academic training. They participate in a very good recreational program and have numerous hobbies and handicrafts. Their religious training is also provided.

During the year we have received invaluable advice and assistance from the Provincial Guidance Clinics. When practical, we have encouraged local authorities to have delinquents referred to the Clinics for assessment prior to final disposition. It has been found necessary to refer a limited number of juveniles who have been committed, to the Clinics for further assessment and, in some

instances, psychiatric therapy. It has been necessary to place some of the boys and girls in the Mental Hospitals at Ponoka and Oliver for periods of observation and treatment.

During the year the Lethbridge City Police established a Section to deal exclusively with juvenile matters in accordance with an arrangement made with the Department of the Attorney General. This Section, which consists of one Detective, has worked in close contact with this Branch and there is little doubt that the Juvenile Delinquency situation in Lethbridge has improved as a result of this change.

The Juvenile Investigation Branch of the Edmonton City Police and the Juvenile Squad of the Calgary City Police, that are maintained in accordance with an arrangement made with the Department of the Attorney General, have continued to deal exclusively with juvenile matters within their respective areas in a very efficient and satisfactory manner. This Branch maintains a very close and harmonious liaison with these Sections.

Our Family Courts functioning at Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, have continued to provide a very important service to deserted wives and families and in settling domestic difficulties in general. The number of cases brought before our Courts, including Reciprocal Orders from other Provinces, has increased to 1567 as compared with 1228 for the previous year. It will also be noted that these Courts have collected \$424,227.14 during the past year in Maintenance as compared with \$281,778.48 the previous year. It may be added that the Family Counsellors provided by the cities concerned and by our Family Court Staff are continuing to deal with approximately two out of three cases successfully without bringing the husband before the Court. This is a very important area in our Family Court and it is very gratifying to note that so many cases can be dealt with to the benefit of all concerned without the necessity of a Judicial Order.

In-service Training had to be relaxed during the past year owing to the absence on Education Leave of senior personnel. Nevertheless, it is felt that In-service Training is very essential and we are therefore preparing plans for an extensive program that will be presented to the Department for consideration in the near future.

Three senior members were granted Educational Leave to take an eight month course at the School of Social Work, University of British Columbia to obtain their Masters Degree in Social Work.

One new office was established at Hardisty, Alberta, during the year.

Following is a list of appointments, transfers and resignations:

Appointments:

J.A. Vantour - Probation Officer I
Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch - MEDICINE HAT

D.E. Johnson - Probation Officer I
Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch - RED DEER

G. C. Rice - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

L.E. McGillivray - Probation Officer I
Juvenile and Family Courts - EDMONTON

L.A. Cavanagh - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

D.J.S. Winfield - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

D.B. Mitchell - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - CALGARY

L.B. Halliwell - Probation Officer I
Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch - EDSON

L.L. Phillips - Probation Officer I
Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch - RED DEER

C.T.W. Wallace - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - CALGARY

S. Murphy - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

Mr. L. W. Wong - Probation Officer I
Juvenile and Family Courts - CALGARY

T.A. Boal - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

T.J. Keefe - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

Transfers:

L. J. Anderson - Probation Officer I
From: Adult Probation Section - Edmonton
To: Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch - Hardisty

R. E. Olin - Probation Officer I
From: Adult Probation Section - Calgary
To: Juvenile and Family Courts - Calgary

D.F. Bidney - Probation Officer I
From: Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch - MEDICINE HAT
To: Adult Probation Section - Edmonton

J. G. Walton - Probation Officer I
From: Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch - Edson
To: Juvenile and Family Courts - Edmonton

Resignations:

I. Walker - Probation Officer III
Juvenile and Family Courts - CALGARY

A.R. Failing - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

L.F. Lees - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

G.C. Rice - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

K.S. Denoon - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

Miss L. F. Laventure - Probation Officer I
Juvenile and Family Courts - CALGARY

S. Murphy - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - CALGARY

Mrs. H.B.A. Cowie - Probation Officer I
Juvenile and Family Courts - CALGARY

J.H. Sowden - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

D.F. Bidney - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON

F.C. Oswin - Probation Officer I
Adult Probation Section - EDMONTON
(transferred to Inspector of Gaols)

B. C. Vinge - Probation Officer I
Juvenile and Family Courts - CALGARY

Promotions:

R.E. Maguire - Probation Officer II
Juvenile and Family Courts - EDMONTON to:
Probation Officer III
Juvenile and Family Courts - CALGARY

S. Nahirney - Probation Officer I
Juvenile and Family Courts - EDMONTON to:
Probation Officer II
Juvenile and Family Courts - EDMONTON

We are very grateful to the Honourable Minister, Deputy Minister, and all members of the Department for their assistance and many courtesies extended during the year. We appreciate the co-operation received from other public and private agencies and all other persons who are interested in welfare and children. We acknowledge and appreciate the faithful service rendered by members of this Branch.

The following Statistical Reports are attached:

Juvenile Courts
Family Courts
Adult Probation

Respectfully submitted,

J.A. Cameron,
Superintendent.

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Att'd.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF FAMILY COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1964

(1963 figures shown in parenthesis)

<u>NUMBER OF HEARINGS:</u>		<u>Edmonton</u>	<u>Calgary</u>	<u>Red Deer</u>	<u>Lethbridge</u>	<u>Medicine Hat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Domestic Relation Act:		211 (208)	334 (203)	44 (46)	68 (79)	84 (45)	741 (581)
Criminal Code of Canada: Non-Support		27 (30)	99 (18)	5 (6)	12 (11)	9 (3)	152 (68)
Assault:		84 (83)	173 (195)	11 (27)	34 (26)	21 (13)	323 (344)
Reciprocal Orders:		31 (48)	180 (203)	6 (10)	4 (12)	9 (16)	230 (289)
Incoming:							
Outgoing		55 (33)	38 (49)	12 (14)	9 (9)	7 (4)	121 (109)
							1957 (1228)

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MAINTENANCE PAID:

Through the Court:	122,620.03 (105,723.75)	111,055.80 (90,878.88)	28,647.65 (24,107.19)	18,593.62 (15,716.00)	9,144.50 (4,917.00)	290,061.60 (241,342.82)
Direct to the Complainant:	14,988.78 (12,747.36)	21,235.30 (17,866.78)	1,134.67 (421.66)	1,818.00 (7,320.00)	22.50 (750.00)	39,199.25 (39,105.80)
On Reciprocal Orders:						
Incoming:	16,999.63 (14,858.31)	17,126.55 (9,896.34)	2,384.47 (1,574.41)	331.00 (25.00)	680.00 (1,800.00)	37,521.65 (28,154.06)
Outgoing:	24,742.82 (21,975.00)	26,906.90 (23,876.71)	1,939.42 (1,073.00)	2,413.00 (4,115.50)	1,442.50 -----	57,444.64 (51,040.21)

TOTAL NUMBER OF ORDERS IN FORCE AS AT						
MARCH 31st, 1964	665 (446)	306 (322)	82 (51)	67 (55)	40 (20)	1160 (894)

ADULT PROBATION SECTION
COMPIATION OF STATISTICS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1964

Persons on probation as of April 1st, 1963	2370	
Persons on probation as of April 1st, 1962	1179	
Persons placed on probation April 1st, 1963 to March 31st, 1964		1507
Persons placed on probation April 1st, 1962 to March 31st, 1963	1191	
TOTAL ON PROBATION AS OF MARCH 31st, 1964		<u>3877</u>
TOTAL ON PROBATION AS OF MARCH 31st, 1963	<u>2370</u>	
Persons violating probation April 1st, 1963 to March 31st, 1964		153
Persons violating probation April 1st, 1962 to March 31st, 1963	151	
Persons successfully completing probation April 1st, 1963 to March 31st, 1964		<u>849</u>
Persons successfully completing probation April 1st, 1962 to March 31st, 1963	<u>987</u>	<u>1002</u>
PERSONS ON PROBATION AS OF MARCH 31st, 1964		<u>2875</u>
PERSONS ON PROBATION AS OF MARCH 31st, 1963	<u>1232</u>	
Persons supervised from Courts outside the Province of Alberta (April 1st, 1963 to March 31st, 1964)		62
Persons supervised from Courts outside the Province of Alberta (April 1st, 1962 to March 31st, 1963)	46	
Persons referred to probation services outside the Province of Alberta (April 1st, 1963 to March 31st, 1964)		54
Persons referred to probation services outside the Province of Alberta (April 1st, 1962 to March 31st, 1963)	51	
Number of persons supervised for National Parole Board (April 1st, 1963 to March 31st, 1964)		36
Number of persons supervised for National Parole Board (April 1st, 1962 to March 31st, 1963)	17	
Number of Pre-Sentence Reports submitted where probation was not granted (April 1st, 1963 to March 31st, 1964)		480
Number of Pre-Sentence Reports submitted where probation was not granted (April 1st, 1962 to March 31st, 1963)	467	

STATISTICS OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS

Number of Juveniles under the Care and Custody of
The Superintendent,
Juvenile Offenders and Probation Branch

	<u>April 1/62 to March 31/63</u>		<u>April 1/63 to March 31/64</u>	
	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
Under care and custody April 1, 1962	112	89		
Committed April 1st, 1962 to March 31, 1963	<u>85</u>	<u>34</u>		
	197	123		
Cancelled April 1st, 1962 to March 31, 1963	73	50		
Under care and custody March 31st, 1963	<u>124</u>	<u>73</u>		
Total - 197				
Under care and custody April 1, 1963			124	73
Committed April 1st, 1963 to March 31, 1964			<u>67</u>	<u>80</u>
			191	153
Cancelled April 1st, 1963 to March 31, 1964			<u>80</u>	<u>44</u>
Under care and custody March 31st, 1964			<u>111</u>	<u>109</u>
TOTAL - <u>220</u>				

NUMBER OF OFFENCES COMMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL
JUVENILES

<u>Minor Offences</u>	<u>April 1/62 to March 31/63</u>	<u>April 1/63 to March 31/64</u>	
Billiard Room Act	-	3	....
By-Law	72	83	....
Creating a Disturbance	18	4	....
Cruelty to Animals	-	1	....
False Fire Alarm	4	2	....
Fuel Oil Tax Act	-	2	....
Indian Act	6	16	....
Killing Animals	-	1	....
Liquor Act	119	110	....
Miscellaneous	-	2	....
Mischief	5	3	....
Obstructing a Peace Officer	4	-	....
*Railway Act	-	5	....
Traffic Act	235	226	....
Truancy	4	2	....
Vagrancy	4	19	....
*Obscene Literature	-	2	....
Total	<u>471</u>	<u>481</u>	....
<u>Major Offences</u>			
Arson	11	5	....
Assault - Bodily Harm	10	10	....
Assault - Common	17	19	....
Assault - Indecent	10	8	....
Attempted Suicide	7	1	....
Breaking, Entering and Intent	97	103	....
Breaking, Entering and Theft	596	560	....
Breach of Probation	1	-	....
Conspiracy	1	-	....
Concealed Weapon	2	1	....
Damage to Property	124	128	....
Escaping Custody	11	10	....
Failing to Return to Scene of Accident	6	6	....
False Pretences	18	50	....
Firearms	2	2	....
Forgery	5	9	....
Fraud	-	2	....
Gross Indecency	1	-	....
Horse Stealing	1	-	....
Immorality	82	107	....
Incest	1	1	....
Indecent Act	1	3	....
Joyriding	75	46	....
Murder	1	-	....
Offensive Weapon	3	5	....
Pointing Firearms	-	1	....
Possession of Stolen Property	133	131	....
Possession of Shopbreaking Tools	4	2	....
Robbery with Violence	-	3	....
Shooting with Intent	2	-	....
Shoplifting	132	160	....
Theft	610	661	....
Theft - attempted	19	19	....
Theft of auto	321	321	....
Theft of Bicycle	95	43	....
Theft of Motorcycle	19	15	....
Theft of Mail	-	3	....
Threatening	2	-	....
Trespassing	1	6	....
Uttering	3	17
Wounding by Discharging Firearms	2	1
Total	<u>2426</u>	<u>2459</u>	
TOTAL	<u>2897</u>	<u>2940</u>	

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GIRLS

April 1/62 253 32 7 5 3 - 1 2
March 31/63

April 1/63
Mar. 31/64 340 48 15 6 3 4 1 4 1

TOTALS

April 1/62				
Mar. 31/63	BOYS	1320	OFFENCES	2501
	GIRLS	303		396
		<u>1623</u>		<u>2897</u>

April 1/63				
Mar. 31/64	BOYS	1273	OFFENCES	2348
	GIRLS	422		592
		<u>1695</u>		<u>2940</u>

REPEATERS

<u>April 1/62 to March 31/63</u>	
<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
440	51

<u>April 1/63 to March 31/64</u>	
<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
378	93

TRANSFERRED TO POLICE COURT

April 1/62 to March 31/63

BOYS	GIRLS
<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

April 1/63 to March 31/64

BOYS	GIRLS
<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>

RELIGION

	April 1/62 to March 31/63	April 1/63 to March 31/64
Protestant	912	892
Roman Catholic	463	516
Others	248	287
TOTAL	1,623	1,695

	April 1/62 to March 31/63	April 1/63 to March 31/64
7 years	3	3
8 years	8	4
9 years	23	28
10 years	38	28
11 years	83	54
12 years	136	128
13 years	251	254
14 years	369	383
15 years	554	599
16 years	91	112
17 years	67	102
	<u>1,623</u>	<u>1,695</u>

CONTRIBUTING

	April 1/62 to March 31/63	April 1/63 to March 31/64
Men	241	282
Women	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
TOTAL	<u>243</u>	<u>289</u>

